

**ANIMAL
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ARL Caring for Cat Abandoned on Front Porch in Hyde Park
Cat in good condition and looking for permanent home

This past week, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) responded to a residential home in Hyde Park where a cat had been left in a carrier on the front step. Residents in the multi-family home did not recognize the animal, and the six-month-old kitten, now named Zoe, was not microchipped or wearing any identification tags.

ARL's Field Services Department initially responded to the home and transported the kitten to ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center. Zoe's carrier was clean and in good condition, and although thin, the cat is in good health overall.

Zoe has been cleared medically and is now looking for her permanent home.

ARL would like to remind the public that while Zoe's outcome will be positive, if she was not found in a timely manner, her outcome could have been different.

Being confined in a carrier would've prevented Zoe from defending herself from other animals, and with a lack of food and water in the carrier, if she had not been discovered on the porch, she may have suffered from dehydration or even starvation.

ARL's mission is to keep pets and people together, but realizes that there are times when animal surrender is necessary. Surrender is difficult, and ARL provides a safe, judgement-free environment to help pet owners through such a difficult situation.

That being said, abandoning an animal is never an option. Abandonment not only puts the animal in danger, it's also illegal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

For more information on surrender, and for resources ARL provides to help avoid surrender, including a free pet behavior helpline, log onto arlboston.org.

For photos of Zoe, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ov2k1140z0fhphw/AAB-mw7Svlq6cLp1yWkk0ujqa?dl=0>

ABOUT THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON:

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is an unwavering champion for animals in need, committed to keeping them safe and healthy in habitats and homes. Founded in 1899, ARL provides high-quality veterinary care, adoption, and rescue services; while also confronting the root causes of animal cruelty and neglect through innovative community programs, police investigations, and public advocacy. In 2020, ARL served nearly 17,000 animals throughout Massachusetts. ARL is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. The Animal Rescue League of Boston does not receive government grants or public funding (with the exception of limited COVID-19 relief funding) and relies on the generosity of our supporters to help animals in need. For more information please visit us online at; and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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